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**James E. Baker**  
Associate Judge

Education: Yale 1982 BA, 1990 JD  
Began Service: September 19, 2000  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
Term Expires: 2015

**Government:** Legislative Aide and Acting Chief of Staff, U.S. Senator Daniel P. Moynihan (D-NY), United States Senate (1985-1987); Attorney Advisor, United States Department of State (1990-1993); Counsel, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board/Intelligence Oversight Board (1993-1994); Deputy Legal Advisor, National Security Council, Executive Office of the President (1994-1997); Special Assistant and Legal Advisor, The National Security Council, Executive Office of the President (1997-2000)

**Military Service:** United States Marine Corps Reserve (1979-2000); Infantry Officer, United States Marine Corps (1982-1985)

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**Charles E. "Chip" Erdmann**  
Associate Judge

Education: Montana 1975 JD  
Began Service: October 15, 2002

**Corporate:** Consultant, International Judicial Reform Consulting (2001-2002); Consultant, Mountainhouse Consulting (2001-2002)

**Government:** Program Manager/Attorney, Anti-Fraud Unit, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1998); Head of Department, Human Rights and Rule of Law, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1999); Judicial Reform Coordinator, Office of High Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina (OHR) (1998-1999)

**Judicial:** Supreme Court Justice, Montana Supreme Court (1995-1997); Chief Judge, Bosnian Election Court (2000-2001)

**Legal Practice:** Assistant Attorney General, Montana Attorney General's Office (1975-1976); Chief Counsel, Montana State Auditor's Office (1976-1978); Chief Staff Attorney, Antitrust Enforcement Bureau, Montana Attorney General's Office (1978-1980); Bureau Chief/Attorney, Medicaid Fraud Control Bureau (1980-1982); Chief Counsel, Montana School Boards' Association (1982-1986); Erdmann Law Office (1986-1995)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate, Montana Air National Guard (1981-2002); Special Cryptographic Operator, United States Marine Corps (1967-1970)

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**Robinson O. Everett**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1928  
Education: Harvard 1947 AB, 1950 JD; Duke 1959 LLM  
Began Service: April 16, 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Government:** Commissioner, United States Court of Military Appeals (1955)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces (1980-1990)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1955-1980)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1951-1953); United States Air Force Reserve (1950-1978)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; District of Columbia Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; North Carolina Bar Association; North Carolina Board of Continuing Legal Education

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**Walter T. Cox III**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Clemson 1964 BS; South Carolina 1967 JD  
Began Service: September 6, 1984  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Resident Judge, South Carolina Circuit Court, 10th Judicial Circuit (1978-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Jones, McIntosh, Threlkeld, Newman and Cox (1973-1978)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1973)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Anderson County Bar Association; Anderson County Young Lawyers; Bar Association of the District of Columbia; Blue Key; Federal Bar Association; Judge Advocates Association; South Carolina Bar Association; South Carolina Trial Lawyers

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**Eugene R. Sullivan**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1941  
Education: West Point 1964 BS; Georgetown 1971 JD  
Began Service: October 1, 1986  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable M. C. Mathes, United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1971-1972)

**Government:** Assistant Special Counsel, Executive Office of the President (1974); Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1974-1982); Chief Legal Advisor, National Reconnaissance Office, Ronald Reagan Administration (1982-1986); Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force (1982-1984); General Counsel, United States Department of the Air Force, Ronald Reagan Administration (1984-1986); Governor Eugene R. Sullivan, Wake Island Territory (1984-1986)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Patton, Boggs & Blow (1972-1974)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1964-1969)

**Current Memberships:** District of Columbia Bar; Missouri Bar

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**H. F. "Sparky" Gierke**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
Education: North Dakota 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
Began Service: November 1, 1991  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
Term Expires: September 31, 2006

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, George Washington University Law School; Adjunct Professor, Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law; Adjunct Professor, Barry University of Orlando School of Law

**Government:** State's Attorney, County of McKenzie, North Dakota (1974-1982); City Attorney, City of Watford, North Dakota (1974-1983)

**Judicial:** Justice, North Dakota Supreme Court (1983-1991); Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1971-1983)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1967-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society; National District Attorneys Association; North Dakota State's Attorneys Association; Northwest Judicial District; State Bar Association of North Dakota

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